GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:71
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2015
Setting up of Science Museums
Mahajan Smt. Poonam

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

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SCIENCE CITIES

71. SMT. POONAM MAHAJAN

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:
a) the number of science museums set up by the National Council of Science Museums in the country, State/UT wise;
b) whether his Ministry is coordinating with the Ministry of Science and Technology to establish science museums in the country and bolster scientific temper amongst the citizens; and if so details thereof;
c) whether the Government recognises the need for setting up science museums in all the states of the country; and
d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

a) The list of Science Museums and Centres including Regional & Sub-Regional Science centres, developed by NCSM with the help of the Union Govt., and functioning under the administrative control of the Council is annexed at Annexure I. In addition, a list of Regional/Sub-Regional Science Centres set up jointly with State Governments/UTs and handed over for operation and maintenance to them is annexed at Annexure-II.
b) The science museums/centres are set up by NCSM for promoting scientific temper amongst the citizens of the country. Ministry of Science & Technology (DST) is not directly involved in establishing the science museums/centres. However, Secretary and other officers of DST are involved in NCSM activities as members of the NCSM Society and Governing Body, which frame guidelines and oversee the work of NCSM.
c) Yes Madam
d) There is a big demand in the country to set up science museums/centres, considering their growing popularity and impact. Presently 21 science museum/centre projects have been/shall be taken up during 12th & 13th Plan period in a phased manner. A list of these 21 Science Museums/Centres is at Annexure III. NCSM has also received 40 new proposals from State Governments which shall also be taken up by NCSM in a phased manner depending upon the availability of resources, project handling capacity of NCSM and the existing science centre activities in that particular State as also commitment, support and initiative of the concerned State/UT Govt., A list of such proposals is enclosed as Annexure-IV.